MI Child Support Formula - Comment on new Child Support Formula - ADM 2003-22-10

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My comment concerns ADM 2003-22-10:

I am a Family Law attorney and court certified mediator.

I do not see any allowances in the new shared economic formula for non-custodial parents who provide"day care" for their children, and return the children to the custodial parent overnight. Under the old and the new formula, there is nothing which specifically addresses this situation. In my 19 years of practice, I have had many situations where the non-custodial parent has a schedule which permits access to the children during the day, where the person feeds the children 2-3 meals, takes them places such as doctor, museums, parks, etc. While the new SER addresses many problems with the old SER, it does not go far enough.

The judges in my jurisdiction have addressed this "disparity" but not consistently. Basically it boils down to deviation from formula language in the order.

Perhaps additional language which states that courts may consider extended, non-overnight parenting time when applying the SER.

Thank-you. Dan Morgan (P36587) East Lansing, MI